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could be an indication. Personally, I hate to see a bill brought back once it has been passed when it is brought back for the reason that it is. If it were mine, I don't know whether I would do that. Since the person who introduced the bill is interested in bringing it back, that kind of dilutes the position that I would ordinarily take about being 100% opposed to bringing it back under a threat that the Governor has made. But in closing I would say, that if you are going to support an over ride of the Governor's veto, then I think that the vote should be not to bring it back. If you are a little shaky in the legs, and a little loose in the spine, then vote to bring it back and make the Governor happy.

PRESIDENT: Senator Marvel.

SENATOR MARVEL: Were up against practical problem at the moment. I don't think that it has anything to do with whether we are shaky in the legs or weak in the spine. I have consistently opposed this provision that we are talking about. We have a resolution which would allow the appropriations committee to study the merit plan. It is impossible at this time to implement a merit plan because the department of Personnel isn't geared to it. I think that with a new man in there it will be. Now, this legislature has got to move in this area, we have got 4 and the 5th appropriations bill coming up, awaiting your decision. We can not bring these appropriations bills out until you make the final decision. Were....we have got 23 days left. Now it is obvious that the Governor is going to veto the bill. From a practical standpoint, I support Senator Marsh because there is enough left in that bill taking out that 1% of the million dollars to justify returning the bill. I think that we have got to do this. We have got to do it now, and I support her and then we can debate the issue afterwards. But, if we wait until tomorrow or the next day, to do something, you are cutting it pretty fine as to a consideration of appropriations bills on the floor. I support the motion to bring the bill back. Once it is back you can take a look at it.

PRESIDENT: Senator Barnett.

SENATOR BARNETT: I have a question of Senator Marvel while he is up. I think it can be answered yes or no, but I could be wrong. If we pass the bill and it is vetoed by the Governor as it is, and we fail to override, is there any appropriations measures that would give the state employees an increase in salaries? Is this the only chance that they have got?

SENATOR MARVEL: NO, this isn't the only chance that they have. If you allow this to remain if I understand your question, if you allow this to remain, and be vetoed and fail to over ride it this will be directions as far as I am concerned to us to take these 4, 5, appropriations bills add the 5% plus the \$468. This is what we have done in the past, and this we can do again and it is up to you to approve this on the floor of the legislature.